

# All About the Pfizer Bivalent Vaccine

## Will the Bivalent vaccine offer longer protection against the COVID-19 virus?

This vaccine is offered as a booster dose. Boosters help extend the protection of vaccines against a virus. As time goes by a vaccine's protection lessens so a booster helps restore that protection.

## Is the Bivalent vaccine more effective against the Omicron variant?

The Pfizer bivalent vaccine has been formulated to provide protection against the original COVID-19 virus along with the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants of the Omicron variant.

## Who is eligible to get the Bivalent Booster vaccine?

You can receive the Pfizer bivalent vaccine if you meet the following criteria:

- You have completed a primary series of the COVID-19 Vaccines, AND
- are 12 years of age and older
- it has been 6 months or more since your last dose

## Is the Moderna or Pfizer bivalent vaccine better?

At this time there is no preference for one bivalent vaccine over the other. The national advisory community on immunization (NACI) recommends getting the vaccine that is available to you.